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REVEALS THE FOLLOWING

INFORMATION ON THE VINH-DONG HOI RAIL LINE.

1. THE LINE IS INTERMITTENTLY OBSERVED FROM 1810N 10542E SOUTHWARD TO 1748N 10608E. TRACK IS EVIDENT ON THE PREVIOUSLY EXISTING RAIL BED TO THE NORTHERN BANK OF THE RAO CAI (STREAM) AT 1754N 10600E (UTM XE063803). NO TRACK OR TIES ARE EVIDENT SOUTH OF THIS POINT.

2. A RAIL BY-PASS IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AROUND THE DONG BAI RAIL BRIDGE [REDACTED] AT 1809N 10543E EXTENDING FROM 1809N 10542E (UTM WF755084) TO A BY-PASS BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT 1810N 10543E (UTM WF759086), TO 1809N 10543E (UTM WF765078) WHERE IT REJOINS THE MAIN RAIL LINE. TRACK IS OBSERVED ON THE BY-PASS BUT NO DECKING IS ON THE BRIDGE. THE DONG BAI BRIDGE APPEARS SERVICEABLE.

3. THE LA KHE THON RAIL BRIDGE [REDACTED] AT 1803N 10549E (UTM WE870974) IS SERVICEABLE.

4. THE BAI DUC THON RAIL BRIDGE [REDACTED] REMAINS

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UNSERVICEABLE. THE RAIL BY-PASS BRIDGE AT 1803N 10550E
(UTM WE884963) IS SERVICEABLE.

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5. A RAIL BY-PASS IS OBSERVED IN INITIAL STAGES OF CON-
STRUCTION AROUND THE DESTROYED XOM KHE RAIL BRIDGE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT 1758N 10555E. CONSTRUCTION CONSISTS OF CLEARING AND
GRADING FOR THE RAIL BED. ON PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] THE
CLEARING AND GRADING WAS FURTHER EXTENDED FROM THE RAIL LINE AT
UTM WE984879 TO THE WEST BANK OF THE KHE NET (STREAM) AT UTM
WE988879. CLEARING AND GRADING IS ALSO EVIDENT ON THE
EAST SIDE OF THE STREAM (BB).

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6. THE KIM LU XA RAIL BRIDGE [REDACTED] AT 1757N
10557E (UTM WE021849) REMAINS UNSERVICEABLE. THERE IS NO
EVIDENCE OF A BY-PASS ATTEMPT AT THIS BRIDGE.

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7. A RAIL BY-PASS AROUND THE DESTROYED THUONG PHONG
TRANG RAIL BRIDGE [REDACTED] AT 1754N 10600E IS OBSERVED
IN EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. CLEARING AND GRADING IS
EVIDENT ON BOTH SIDES OF A BY-PASS BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION
AT UTM XE065799. (BB)

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8. [REDACTED] THREE RAIL CARS ARE OBSERVED ON A
SMALL SPUR AT 1759N 10555E (UTM WE985885) AND 4 RAIL CARS ARE
LOCATED ON THE MAIN LINE AT 1758N 10555E (UTM WE981883).
THESE CARS WERE NOT EVIDENT ON PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED]

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THREE RAIL CARS ARE LOCATED AT 1756N 10558E (UTM XE031833) ON

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MAP REF: AMS SERIES L701 SHEETS 6164I, 6165II, 6165III,
6264IV USATC SERIES 200 SHEET 0617-14HL

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